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1. Most of the trainees attending the SED School in Klein-Machnow (N 53/Z 70), near Berlin aspire to become full members of the state security service.
2. The personnel of the SED School in Klein-Machnow includes Mrs Hanna Wolf as head of the school; Glaeser (fnu), a party secretary who serves as observer of the SED Politburo and who began his activities at the school on 16 January 1950; Walter Koeppel who is charged with administration; Steinweg (fnu) and Eisenberg (fnu), two section leaders; Winkler (fnu), who is charged with internal affairs; and political instructors Heinz Abraham, Heinicke (fnu), Paterna (fnu), Rosenkranz (fnu), Nimz (fnu), and Dr. Lomnitzer (fnu). Also assigned to the school is Max Schoenherr, formerly chief of the criminal police in East-Berlin; it is not known whether he is there as a student or an instructor.
3. Courses given at the school include such subjects as economy, administration, public service of political functionaries in medium and high positions, police and state security service and an eight-week course for students from Western Germany. Courses in all of these subjects are being offered in terms of three months, six months and two years. Graduates from the two-year courses are eligible for the police course offered under the direction of Polizeischulrat (retired) Karl Bode, who also serves as instructor at the police school in Potsdam-Bicke (N 53/Z 53).
4. The school is heavily guarded by uniformed 36 Volkspolizei. Plain-clothes men are posted within the installation checking persons not belonging to the school. Students are permitted to confer with visitors only in the presence of such agents. Visitors other than those residing in Klein-Machnow are permitted to contact students only upon approval by Glaeser, the observer of the SED Politburo. Students attending the police courses and persons attending the short-term courses for students from Western Germany are not permitted to leave the school and receive visitors during their term of attendance.

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